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Resolution recognizing Terrence Sims' sixth grade class's "Excellence First!" video.

WHEREAS,

MR. SIMS' SIXTH GRADE CLASS

created a rap video called "Excellence First!" that has gone viral on social media, and gained attention from leaders across the country; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Sims and his sixth grade class at Milwaukee Excellence Charter School wrote the rap about staying focused in school and striving for greatness, and students Aryn and Savannah lead the song, which is to the beat of Tee Grizzley's "First Day Out;" and*

WHEREAS, *The motivational rap video caught the attention of several leaders across the United States including Michelle Obama, Jemele Hill, Jada Pinkett Smith, and rapper Diddy; and*

WHEREAS, *The rap video has been viewed more than 80,000 times on YouTube since it was posted on October 21, 2017, and has been shared widely on several social media platforms; therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee congratulates Mr. Sims' sixth grade class on the success of their "Excellence First!" video, thanks them for sharing their positive message, and wishes them many more years of success; and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Sims' sixth grade class.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson, Chantia Lewis, José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski and Terry L. Witkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 7, 2017.